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Mr. Paul Kulpa
Rhode Island Department of
Environmental Management
235 Promenade St.
Providence, RI 02908

Dear Mr. Kulpa:

We are writing in response to your November 17 letter in which you expressed concern about notification and requested the submission of a report on the generation and disposal of 8,000 cubic yards of soil.

The soils were initially generated from various sources base wide due to the construction activities associated with our Sewer Improvement Project. More recently, the soils were used as fill to construct a temporary causeway in support of our Coaster Harbor Island Sewer (CHI) Crossing Project. The CHI Sewer Crossing Project, including the use of the soils as ocean fill, was coordinated with the Army Corp of Engineers, the Coastal Resource Management Council and with your Office of Water Resources.

The soils are currently stock piled on base and will remain here until we complete our internal process of characterizing the waste. We have an experienced staff of environmental engineers and specialists that oversee the execution of over \$300 million in construction contracts as well as the environmental affairs of the base. They will continue with their efforts to ensure the soils are properly characterized according to state and federal laws. At the appropriate points in process, we will of course fully coordinate the characterization and final disposition of the soils with your office and, as necessary, with other offices in the Department of Environmental Management.

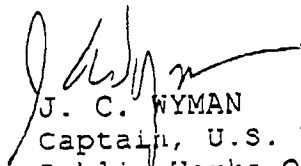
As requested, we will provide your office with all documentation related to the characterization and management of the soils. We would like to thank you for expressing your concerns and look forward to improving future communication between our offices.

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If you have any questions or require additional information,
please contact Ms. Melissa Griffin at (401) 841-6375.

Sincerely,



J. C. WYMAN
Captain, U.S. Navy
Public Works Officer
By direction of the
Commanding Officer